

Military Circle / Military Highway Urban Development Area PRESENTATION







### PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- 1 Background Recap
- 2 Update on Branding
- 3 Alternatives Discussion
- What do we need from you?

# BACKGROUND / RECAP



### **WORK PROGRAM**

### 12 month process:

### WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS

TASK 2 Reconaissance,

**OCTOBER** 

**JULY** 

**DECEMBER** 

Alternative Generation

TASK 3

**FEBRUARY** 

TASK 4

**Draft Vision** 

**APRIL** 

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Vision Plan

Final Documentation TASK 6

**JULY** 



### WHAT HAVE WE HEARD SO FAR?

### **PUBLIC**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

STAKEHOLDERS/CIVIC LEAGUES

#### STAFF

community traffic going parks opportunity property extension interchange Poplar neighborhood needed want center LRT needs JANAF take developers over Virginia tot Hall transit Glenrock downtown project transit alignment about years options Highway developers residents first East north mall plan use TOD Blvd new first East north mall plan use TOD Blvd new road issue town Goals more people land uses used support because existing study currently Circle Need one successful

### WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC

- September 28<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting:
- 111 attendees 87 Norfolk residents
- Opportunity for input / dot voting on goals / ideas & suggestions



### DOT VOTING ON GOALS

**PROJECT GOALS** 

INCREASE SAFETY & SECURITY 36

REVITALIZE SURROUNDING AREA 26

**BUILD FOR RESILIENCE** 

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**CONNECT & UNIFY THE AREA** 

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ATTRACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**PROCESS GOALS** 

DON'T SIT ON A SHELF

**29** 

BE TRANSPARENT

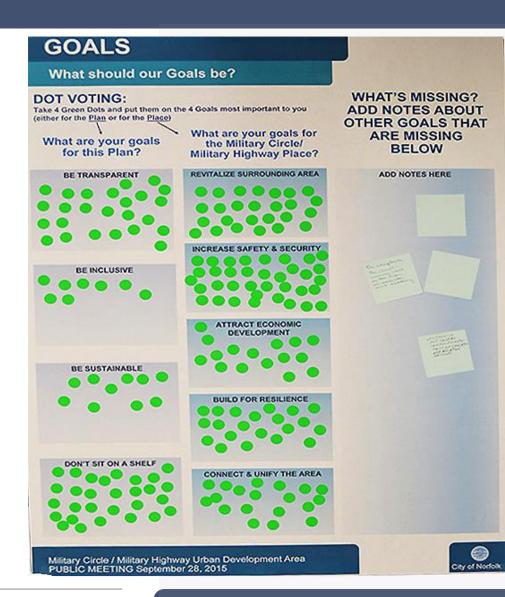
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BE SUSTAINABLE

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BE INCLUSIVE

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### SAMPLE OF RESPONSES FROM PUBLIC MEETING:

#### **GOALS**

- Clean, safe, accessible community
- Marketing campaign to notify public of project
- Better access by walking
- Include Civic League input

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

- More green space / plazas public space
- Fitness / wellness facilities
- Address flooding
- Less reliance on cars
- Don't forget single family neighborhoods

#### **ECONOMY**

- Incentivize long term business investment that takes root in the community
- Variety of housing types
- Mixed use town center where you can live, work, play

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Transit connections across modes
- Road Diets on major highways
- Complete Streets
- Walkable Bikeable
- Safety for all users

### DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES

		2015						2016						
TASK/MC	NTH	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
TASK 1 - Project Initiatio Reconnaissance	n and													
TASK 2 - Inventory and Analysis										uary Pul resent D				
TASK 3 - Alternative Ger	eration													
TASK 4 - Draft Vision Pla	n Development													
TASK 5 - Final Vision Plan and Implementation Strategy			December workshop on Alternatives (Advisory											
TASK 6 - Final Documen Presentation	tation and				Commit	tee onl	y)							

ON SITE WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

## UPDATE ON PROJECT BRANDING



### WHAT WE DISCUSSED LAST TIME

IDEAS for the (FUTURE) PLACE



















### **NEW IDEAS BASED ON INPUT**

#### NOTES:

- "Crossing" theme was based on input that this site was a regional destination crossroads and that the brand should reflect that regional prominence
- Branding is an ongoing process –
   may extend beyond the life of this
   12 month planning process



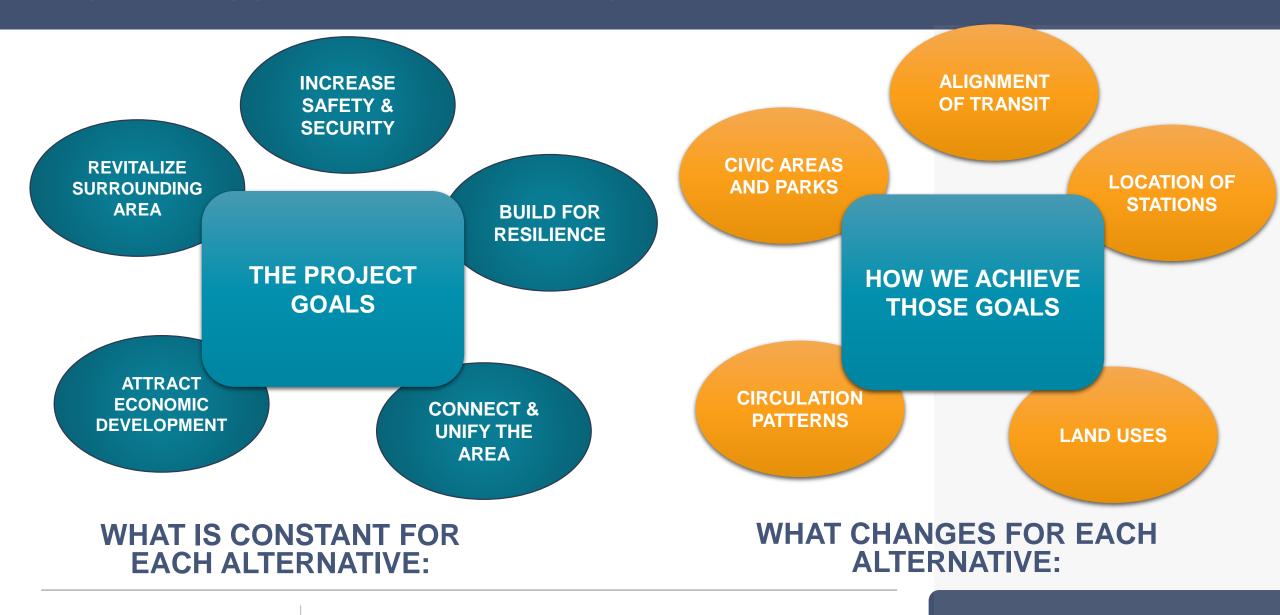




# ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION



### HOW WE LOOKED AT ALTERNATIVES:



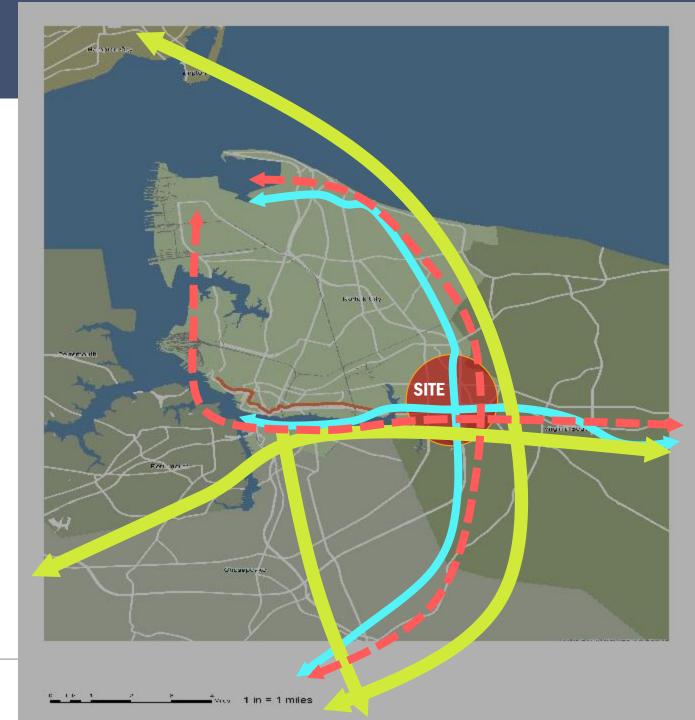
### REGIONAL TRAVEL MARKETS

Moving from one region to another

Moving within a region

Moving both within and outside a region

**INTERSTATES** 



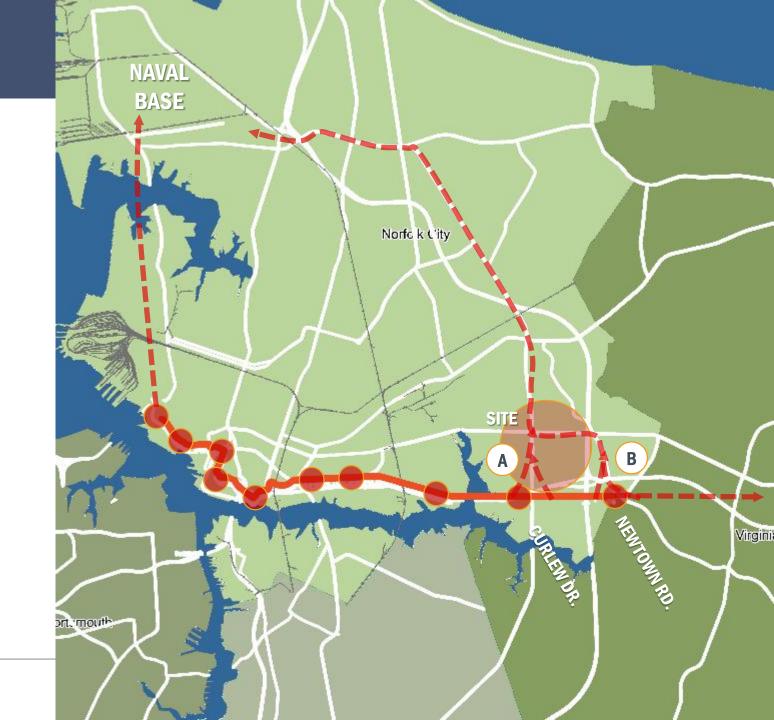
### LIGHT RAIL OPTIONS

Goal is to have a "one seat" ride from the East/West Tide route to the Naval Base – options <u>may</u> include:

- Split off at or near Curlew Dr.

  Station to follow Military Hwy. (6
  & 7a from NSN Study)
- B Split off at or near Newtown Rd. Station to follow Kempsville Rd. (7b from NSN Study)

**Source: NSN Transit Extension study – February 2015** 



# A.1. Pull off at Curlew Dr. Station & align directly along Military Hwy.

- Bridges over I-264 & Virginia Beach Blvd.
- Light rail alignment would go along Military Hwy. next to roadway
- Potential stations at Mall and Lowery Rd.



# A.2. Pull off at Curlew Dr. Station & create new alignment parallel to Military Hwy.

- Bridges over I-264 & Virginia Beach Blvd.
- Light rail alignment would go east of Military Hwy. to create a new internal "Transit Boulevard"
- Potential stations at Mall and Lake Taylor Hospital/JANAF



- **B.1.** Pull off at Newtown Rd. Station & align directly along Kempsville Rd, then along Va. Beach Blvd. and north through JANAF
- Widen existing underpasses at I-264 and I-64 to accommodate Light rail
- Light rail alignment would generally go along each roadway to one side
- Potential stations at Sentara Hospital and Lake Taylor Hospital/JANAF



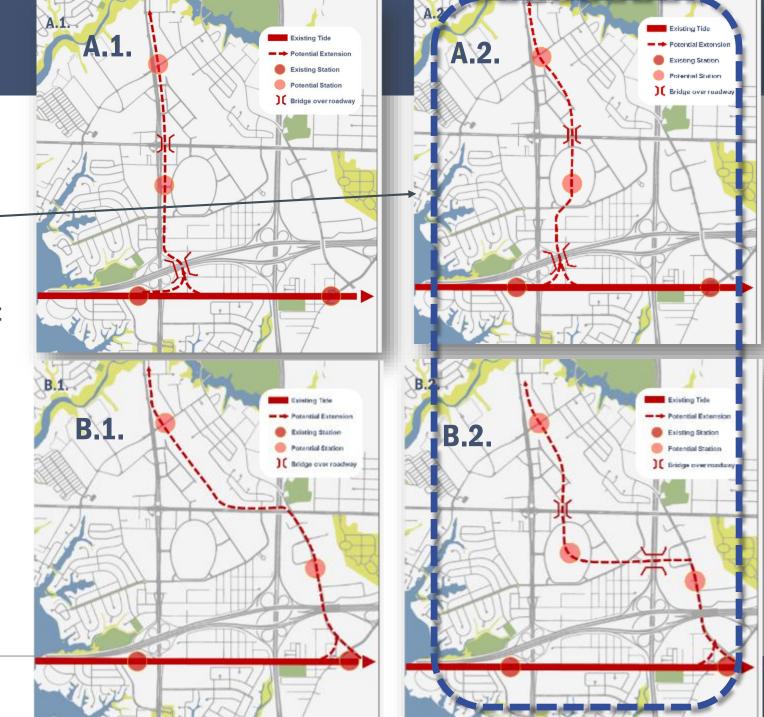
B.2. Pull off at Newtown Rd. Station & align directly along Kempsville Rd, then head west through Mall and north through JANAF

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- Widen existing underpass at I-264
- Light rail alignment would pull off Kempsville Rd. to create new internal Transit Boulevard
- Potential Stations at Sentara Hospital Mall and Lake Taylor Hospital/JANAF



Focused on two options – A.2. and B.2. because they maximized – potential for meeting project goals –

- Catalyzing economic development through TOD opportunities
- Connecting & unifying the area
- Revitalizing Mall & JANAF development cores



### Light Rail Alignment Examples:



A. Transit/Pedestrian Mall – no vehicular lanes



B. Street Alignment (Center) – allows for vehicular lanes



care maps Google earth

D. Shared Roadway with vehicles

C. Street Alignment (Edge) – allows for vehicular lanes

### A. TRANSIT MALL ALIGNMENT





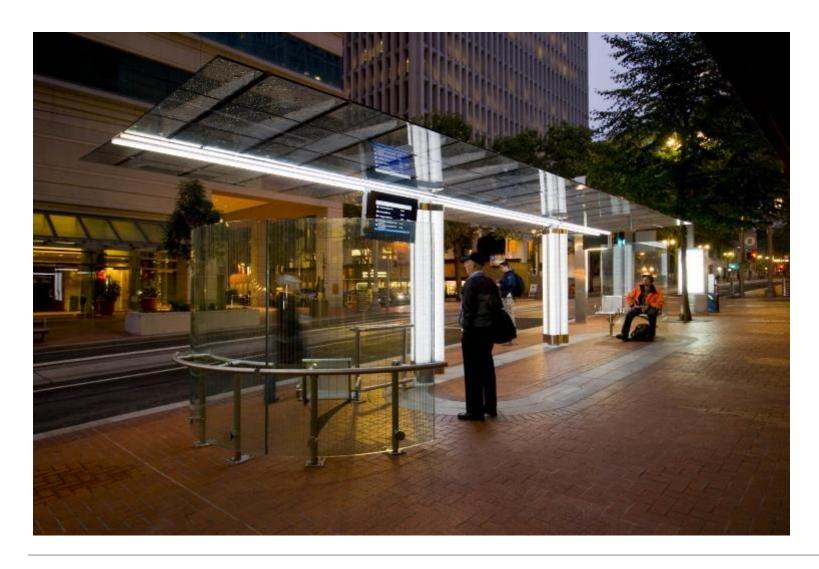




Transit Mall Options (no vehicular lanes)

- Mixed economic development outcomes, higher vacancy
- Sacramento adding new travel lane
- Vertical demarcations between the guide-way and pedestrian plaza or sidewalk
- Allows for increased LRT speeds

### A. TRANSIT MALL ALIGNMENT (COUPLET)



- LRT guide-way station area an extension of the sidewalk
- No physical demarcations

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LRT station area - a public art experience

### B. STREET ALIGNMENT (CENTER)









North San Jose, Ca – Center Alignment/Station Example

- ROW Similar to Military HWY
- Allows for operational efficiency at locations with fewer cross streets
- Transitioning from low density, suburban office park to compact mixed-use development
- Increase number of stations as density grows

### B. STREET ALIGNMENT (CENTER)



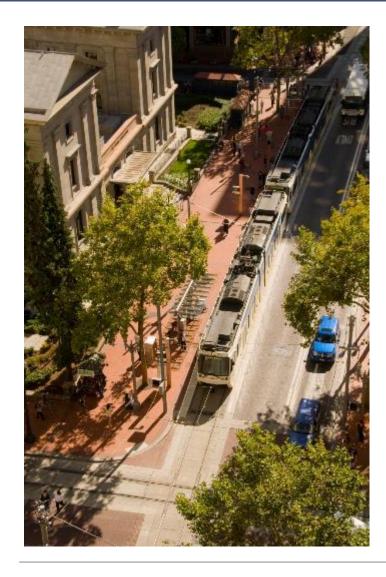
### C. STREET ALIGNMENT (EDGE)



Sidewalk Alignment Example: Portland, Denver, San Jose, Phoenix:

- Guide-way directly adjacent to sidewalk.
- Depending on ROW width, accommodates travel and parking lanes
- Allows for direct boarding from sidewalk
- Sidewalk must be 12 to 14feet minimum
- Slower LRT speeds

### C. STREET ALIGNMENT (EDGE/CENTER - COUPLET)





LRT Couplet Example (Portland, San Jose, Denver)

- One way light rail guide-way operates one block apart
- Operational flexibility
- Compatible within urban environments with compact ROW
- Sidewalk or center alignments
- Off-peak circulator option
- Operates at speed of traffic

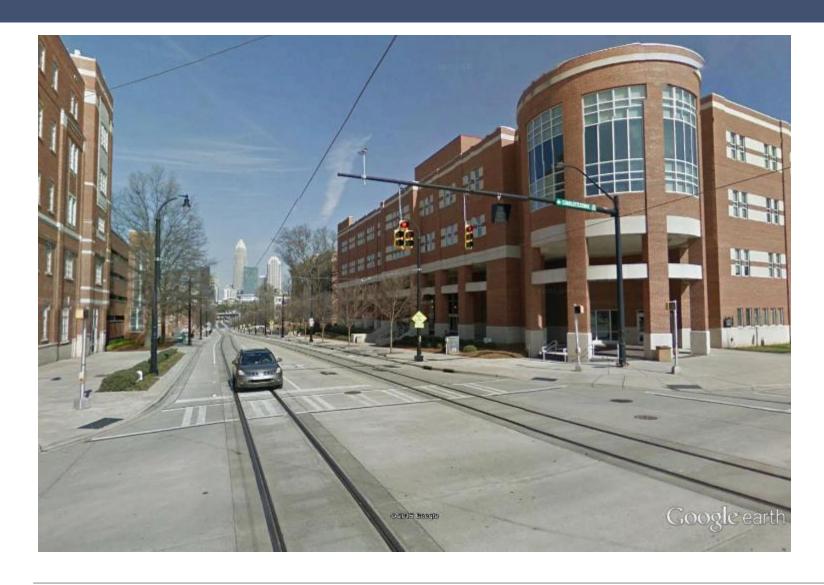
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#### LRT Couplet Example – Downtown San Jose

- Historic Streetcar circulator loop
- Slower speeds, increased stops

### D. SHARED ROADWAY WITH VEHICLES



#### Shared Roadway Example -

- LRT and vehicles share the roadway.
- LRT operates at speed of traffic
- Similar to the Portland and Seattle Streetcar

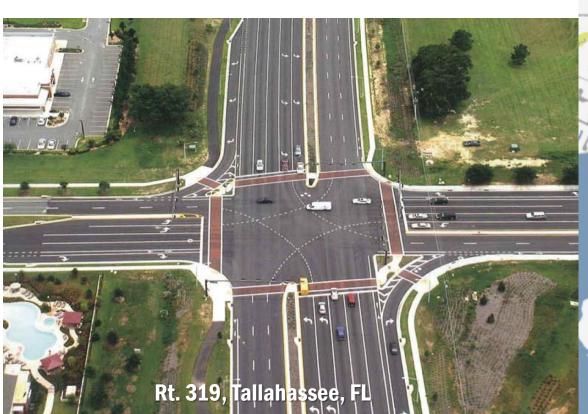
### HIGHWAY CONSIDERATIONS

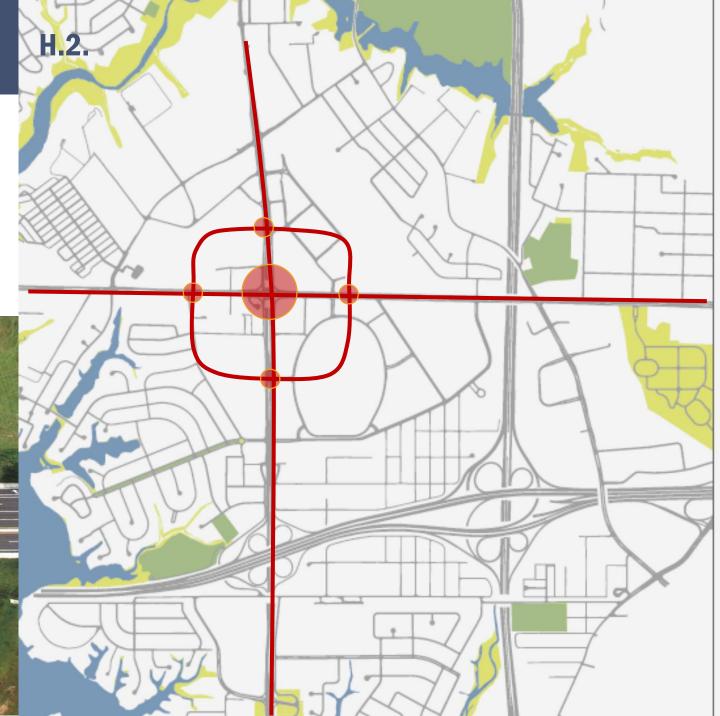
1. Current condition – Existing grade



### **HIGHWAY OPTIONS**

2. Convert to At-Grade signalized intersection with internal "Quadrant Intersection" system of loops

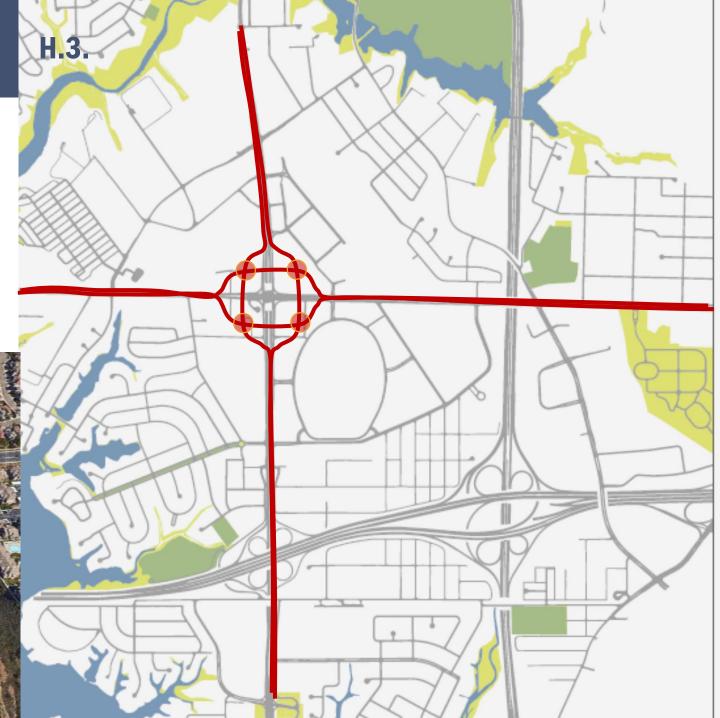




### **HIGHWAY OPTIONS**

3. Split highways into pairs of One Way Couplets that create developable site where intersection was.

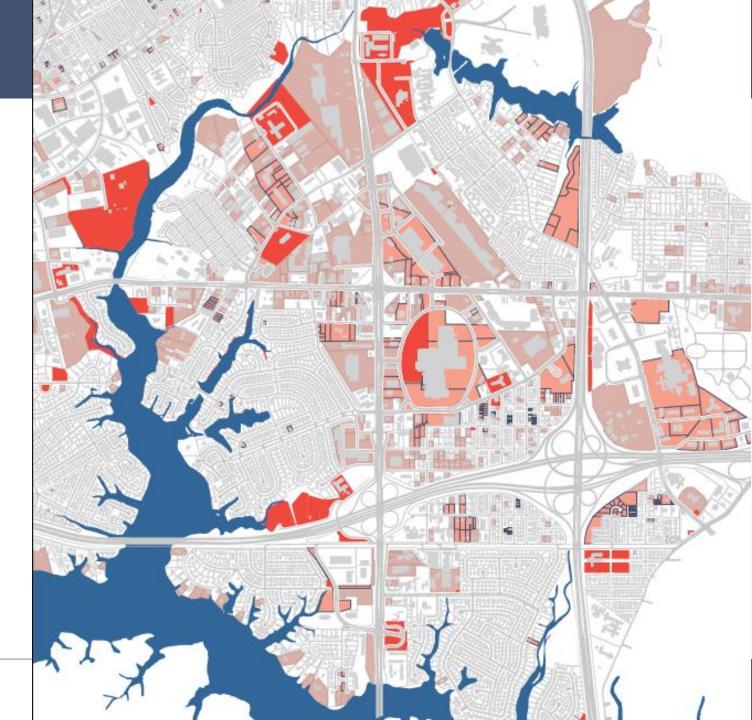




### LAND ANALYSIS

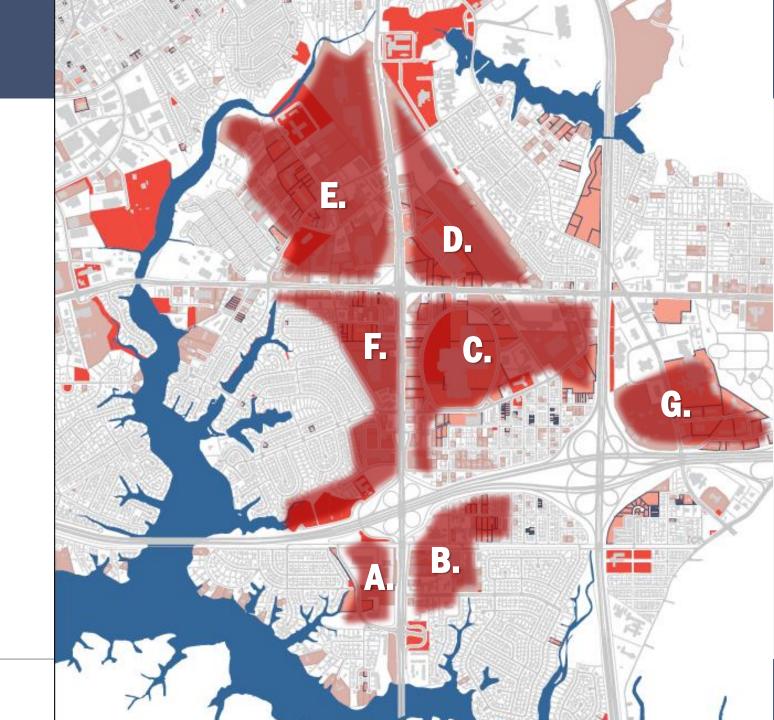
#### **Criteria for selection:**

- City owned OR:
- Large assemblage in single ownership OR:
- Potential redevelopment in 20+ years AND:
- Outside of single family residential areas

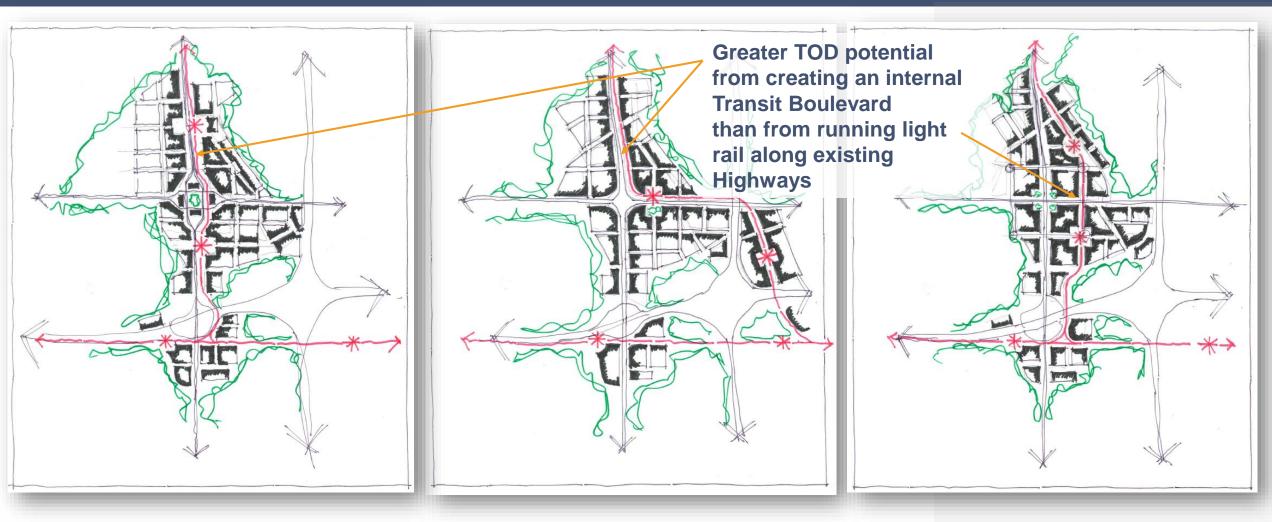


### LAND BAYS

- A. Curlew Drive Station Area
- **B.** Curlew Drive Industrial Area
- C. Mall Area
- D. JANAF Area
- E. Raby Rd. Area
- F. Best Square Area
- G. Sentara Hospital Area



#### EARLY CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVES



Before looking at Land Use - explored ways of creating an urban street grid with different light rail alignments

### A NOTE ON TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL TOD

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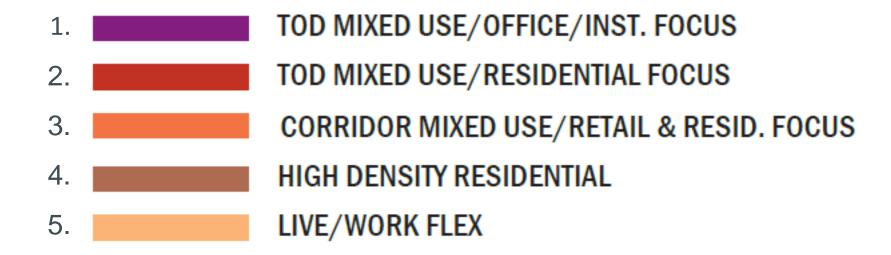






#### LAND USE AND DESIGN CONCEPTS

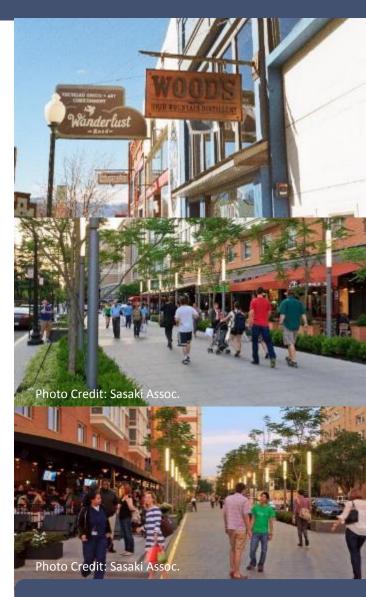
The Land Use and Design Concept for the Military Highway / Military Circle UDA includes five land use designations.



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- Located in the closest proximity to transit.
- Often anchored by a core institutional use (hospital / civic center, etc.)
- Intended to become activity centers.
- Highest density designation.
- Encourages urban-style development, including active ground floor uses with commercial or office space on the upper floors.



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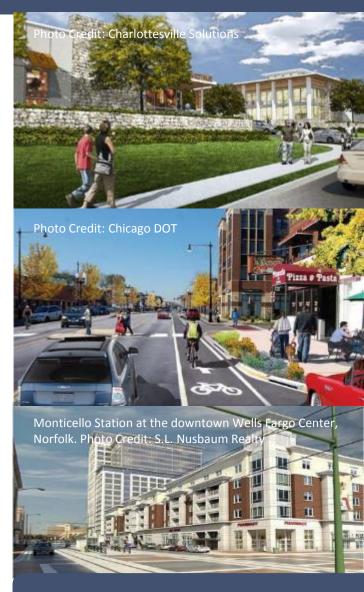
- Located within close walking distance to transit and park spaces.
- High density neighborhoods with many urban amenities.
- Encourages urban-style development including active ground floor uses with apartments or condominiums on the upper floors.
- Residential densities may exceed 45 units per acre if a specific level of affordable housing is provided.



#### CORRIDOR MIXED-USE: RETAIL / RESIDENTIAL FOCUS

#### CORRIDOR MIXED USE/RETAIL & RESID. FOCUS

- Located along major corridors.
- Typically allows either all retail or ground floor retail with residential above
- These properties are typically farther from the transit station and have less of an urban character compared to TOD Mixed-Use.
- Mixed uses are encouraged either within the same building or on the same site, but they are not required.



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- Intended to be the most intensely developed residential zone.
- The buildings are urban in their character, located near the street (with entrances oriented to them), and within walking distance to transit.
- Parking is kept out of sight, with most intended as tuck-under or structured.
- Residential densities may reach 45 units per acre and additional density may be permitted when affordable housing is provided.
- Commercial uses typically not included. Uses could include apartments and condominiums.



#### LIVE-WORK FLEX

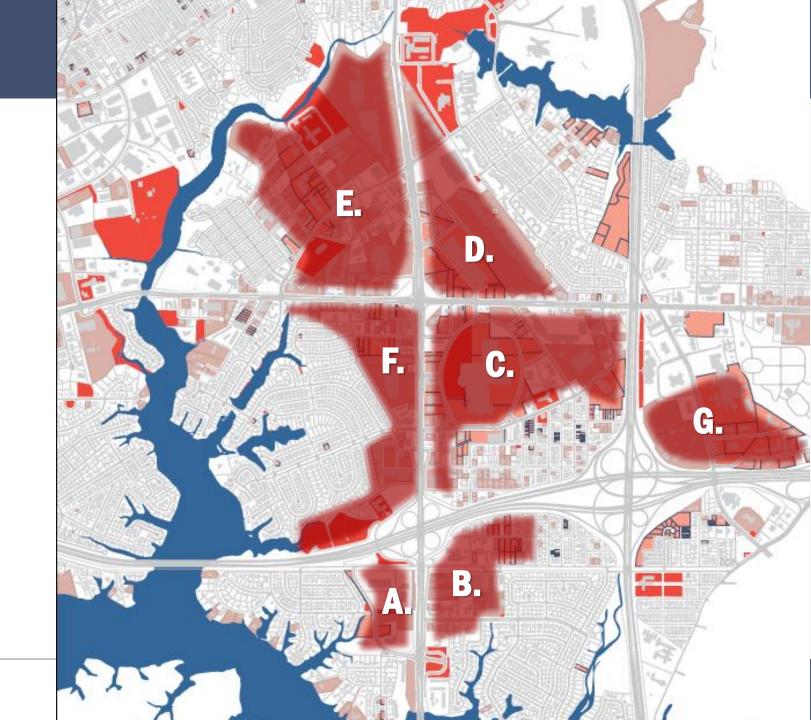
#### LIVE/WORK FLEX

- Encourages ground floor business activity with residential units on the upper floors.
- Depending on the environment, residential uses may be required, with nonresidential uses optional.
- Residential densities typically moderate with townhouse-type density
- Development could include a mix of uses or residential only development such as rowhouses, apartments, or condominiums.



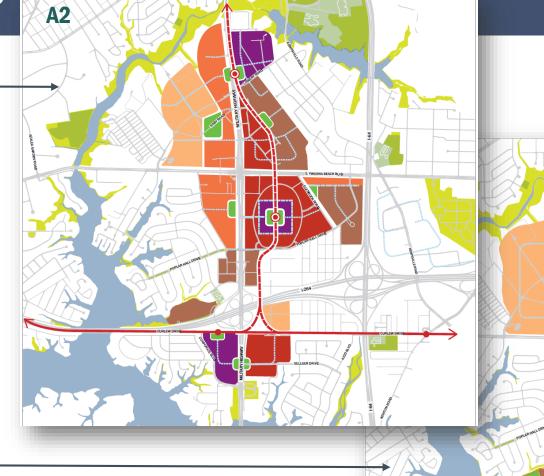
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### LAND USE ALTERNATIVES

- CONCEPT A-2
  - New Transit Boulevard parallel to Military Hwy.

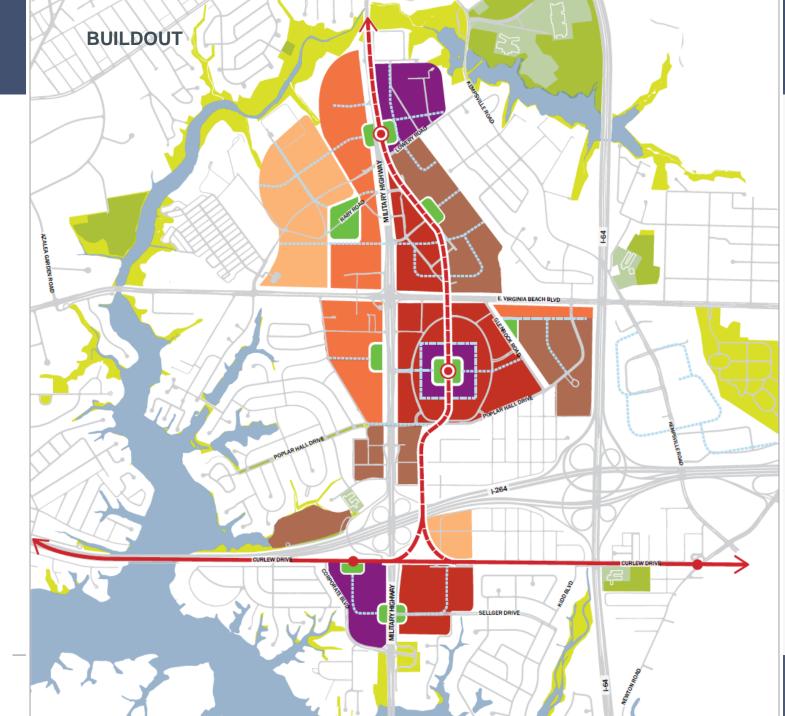


- CONCEPT B-2
  - New Transit Boulevard connecting Kempsville Rd. to Military Hwy.

**B2** 

### **ALTERNATIVE A-2**

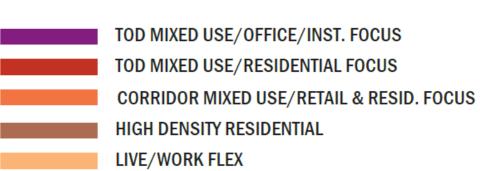


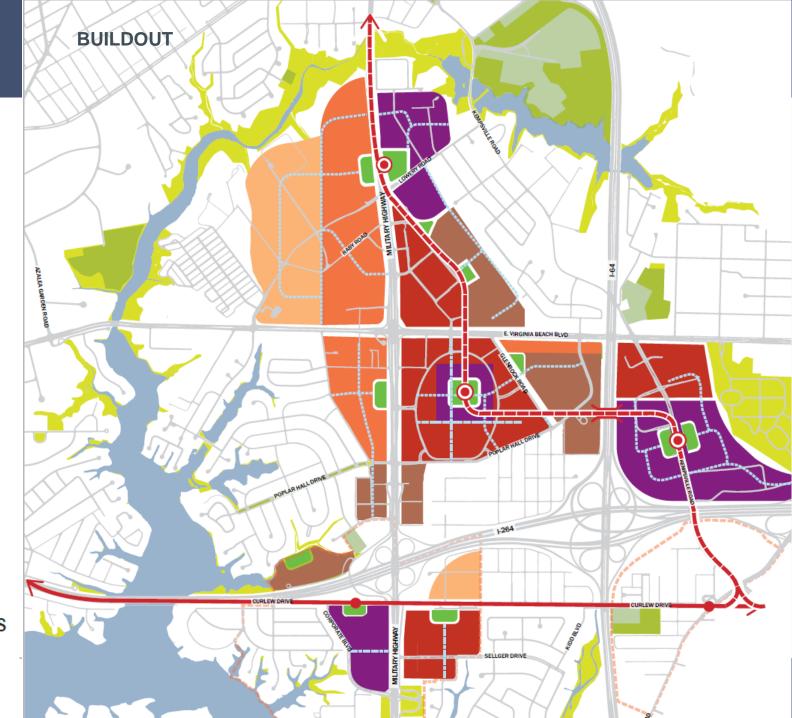


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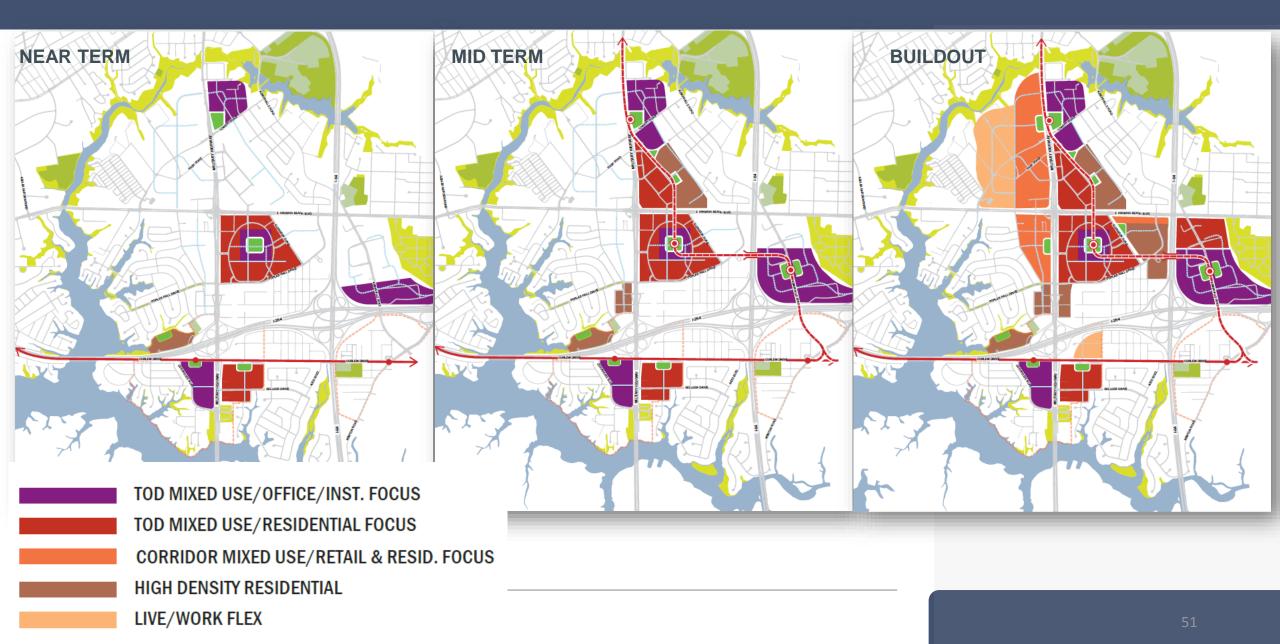


### **ALTERNATIVE B-2**



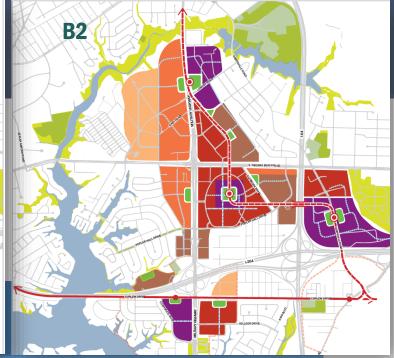


### **ALTERNATIVE B-2**



# BUILDOUT COMPARISONS



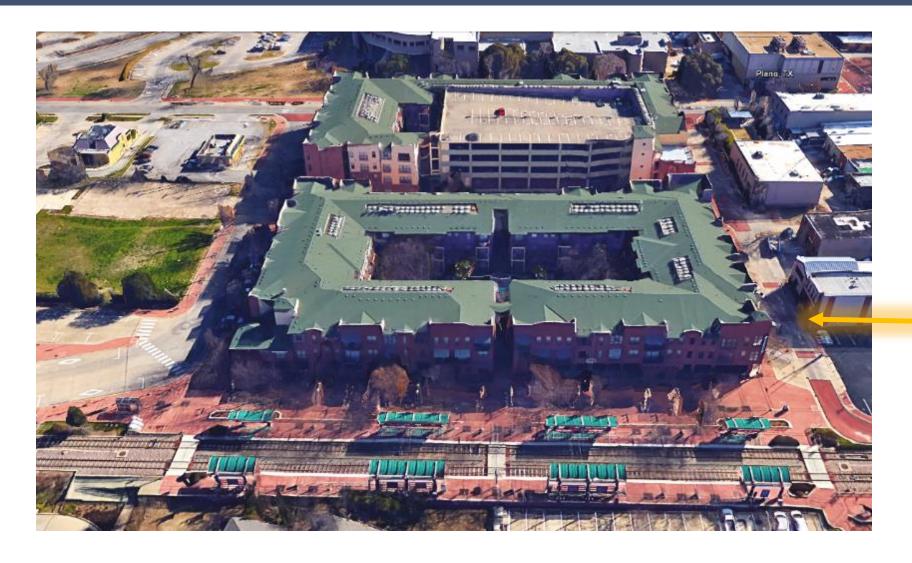


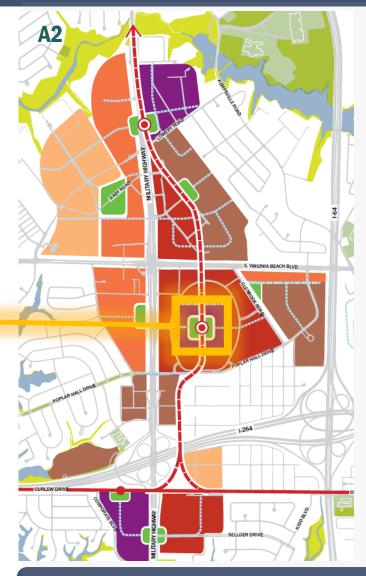
Land Use Type	Acres	Acres
Corridor Mixed Use/Retail & Res Focus	127.2	175.1
High Density Residential	152.9	125.8
Live/Work Flex	106.8	102.8
New Parks/Civic Space	32.8	32.6
TOD Mixed Use/Office/Inst. Focus	86.9	200.4
TOD Mixed Use/Residential Focus	167.6	216.2
TOTAL	674.2	852.9

## POTENTIAL BUILDOUT SCENARIOS

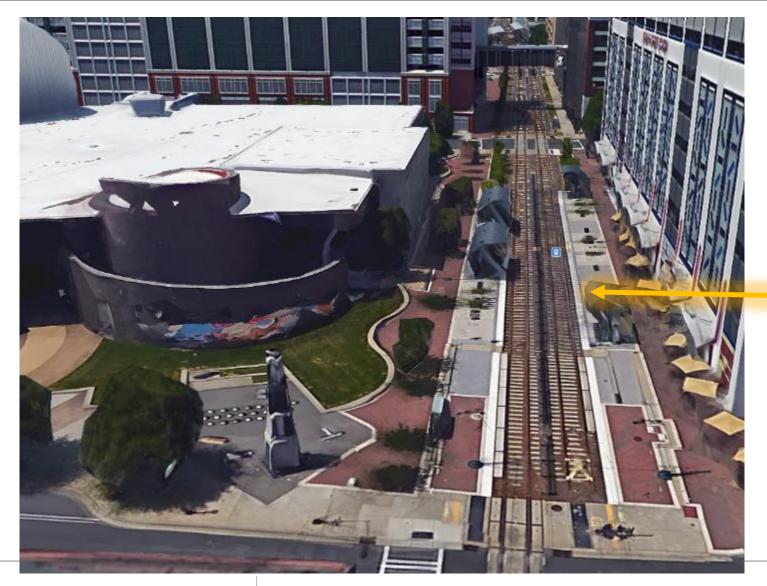
ALTERNATIVE A2	Acres	Dwelling Units	Retail Space	Office Space	Institutional Space
Land Use Type					
Corridor Mixed Use/Retail & Res Focus	127.2	382	1,108,220	55,422	0
High Density Residential	152.9	3,824	133,249	0	0
Live/Work Flex	106.8	854	93,010	232,573	0
New Parks/Civic Space	32.8	0	0	0	0
TOD Mixed Use/Office/Inst. Focus	86.9	174	75,709	1,514,498	757,249
TOD Mixed Use/Residential Focus	167.6	2,514	292,011	73,018	0
TOTAL	674.2	7,747	1,702,200	1,875,512	757,249
ALTERNATIVE B2	Acres	Dwelling Units	Retail Spac	Office ce Space	Institutional Space
Land Use Type					
Corridor Mixed Use/Retail & Res Focus	175.1	525	1,525,840	76,308	0
High Density Residential	125.8	3,144	109,557	0	0
Live/Work Flex	102.8	823	89,577	223,990	0
New Parks/Civic Space	32.6	0	0	0	0
TOD Mixed Use/Office/Inst. Focus	200.4	401	174,553	3,491,779	1,745,890
TOD Mixed Use/Residential Focus	216.2	3,243	376,736	94,203	0
TOTAL	852.9	8,136	<b>2,276,26</b> 3	3,886,280	1,745,890

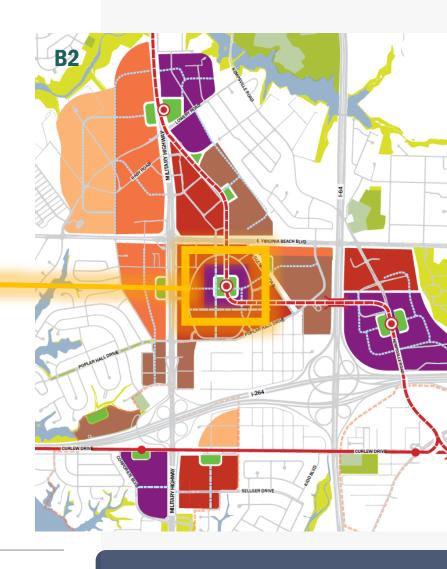
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7<sup>th</sup> St. Station – Charlotte, NC

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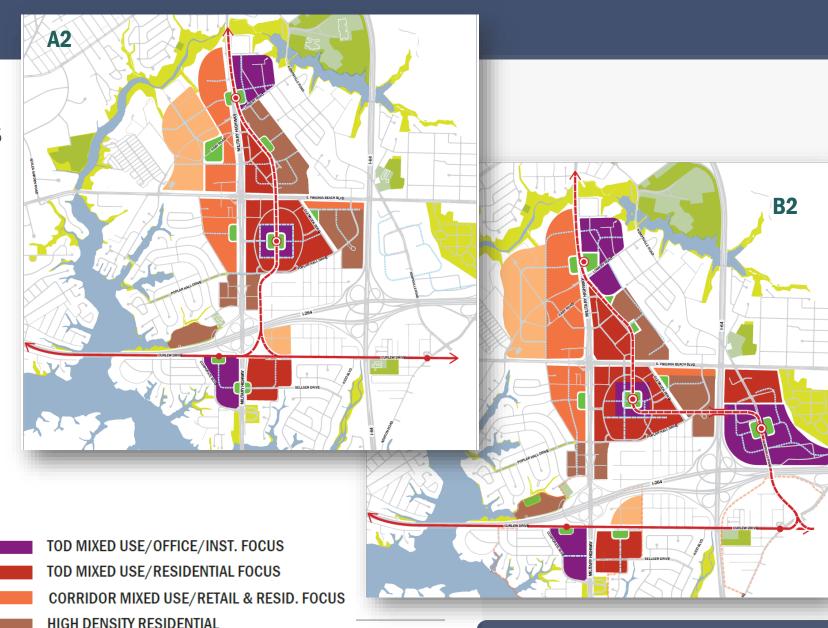


# WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU



#### FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Which transit alignment is best for the long term?
- Which areas are most important to be catalyzed by Transit & TOD?
- Are the land uses desirable? compatible? achievable?
- Which alternative (or modified alternative) should we pursue for the Draft Plan?



LIVE/WORK FLEX